

Four Cities Explore Emergency Responses, Development Issues

by Thomas X. White

It was the City of College Park’s turn to host the quarterly meeting of the Four Cities on January 13 at the College Park City Hall. Elected and staff representatives from Greenbelt, New Carrollton, Berwyn Heights and College Park attended the meeting presided by Mayor Steve Brayman of College Park to discuss a variety of issues of mutual interest to the municipalities including Metro-land, the ICC, improvements to Kenilworth Avenue and emergency response preparedness.

Ron Shane of the Berwyn Heights Neighborhood Watch and Emergency Preparedness Committee and Calvin Hawkins of the Prince George’s County Office of Emergency Management reported on the recent completion of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for volunteers at the Maryland Emergency Management and Fire Research Institute facilities in College Park. The CERT training is a 20-hour course sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency

and open to all county residents. Volunteers are trained by first responders on how to provide immediate assistance to victims in emergency situations in their communities. The course is free and up to 100 volunteers can take the class at a time, according to Shane.

Hawkins said that the county’s volunteer organization, Citizens Corps Council, is getting behind the CERT training. He encouraged Prince George’s cities and towns to get involved.

Brayman noted that a goal would be the development of mutual assistance agreements among the four cities and neighboring municipalities to better coordinate emergency response in case of natural or man-made disasters. He recommended that the city managers of the four cities begin discussion of possible coordination and mutual assistance for major emergencies. Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis mentioned that similar discussions are taking place at the Maryland Municipal League and at the Metropolitan Council of Governments.

Metroland Update

Greenbelt officials gave an update on the status of the Greenbelt Station development (Metroland) following the recent decision by the Maryland Court of Appeals to let stand the Maryland Special Court of Appeals decision overturning the approvals by the Prince George’s County Council and the Planning Board of the Greenbelt Station Concept Plan and Preliminary Plat of Subdivision. The Greenbelt council is interested in seeing new plans for Greenbelt Station and in reaching agreement with the developers.

There seemed to be agreement on the part of Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt and College Park officials that this next stage in the process provides an opportunity to strive for a development plan that would work well for all three adjoining cities. The other municipalities recognized Greenbelt’s role in its successful court challenge of the county and planning board approvals.

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Councilmembers Enchanted With Video Profiling City

by Sandra S. Smith

The January 10 Greenbelt City Council meeting began with a hastily produced, but very effective, video showcasing the history and attractions of Greenbelt. The council also approved the purchase of SUV police vehicles, the submission of an application for grant funds for emergency training and equipment and recognized Mayor Judith Davis on becoming chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Produced by Beverly Palau, public information and communications coordinator, the videotape was prepared to attract Oprah Winfrey’s show to visit Greenbelt. Greenbelt had been informed that the Oprah Winfrey Show was looking for great small towns to visit and profile on her show.

The video began with Mayor Judith Davis introducing viewers to Greenbelt. “Affordability, walkability and the preservation of woodlands are hallmarks of Greenbelt,” she said. She emphasized that “Greenbelt has deep historic roots but is not a time capsule.” Davis described Greenbelt as a vibrant town looking toward the future.

Following the introduction, the unique attractions of the city were pointed out and described by the narrator, life-long

Greenbelt resident Jesse Goldberg-Strassler, who took the viewer on a 15-minute tour of Greenbelt. Greenbelt Municipal Access interviewed many Greenbelters to tell the Greenbelt story.

The tour began, somewhat naturally, with the co-ops – housing, grocery store, café, nursery school and more. The Greenbelt theater, walkways, parks, recreation areas, library and Community Center and museum were stops on the tour. The video featured, among others, mini-interviews with Barbara Likowski of the News Review; Gretchen Overdurff, general manager of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.; faculty at Eleanor Roosevelt High School; and Brian Butler, who runs the youth mentoring program at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Christal Parker Batey talked about the programs and services for seniors.

The video featured footage of the Labor Day Festival parade, the fireworks on the Fourth of July, community rap singers and dancers, Greenbelt’s award-winning double dutch team and Greenbelt police officers and parents walking with their children to school. Goldberg-Strassler ended by calling

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Part 3

Search for the Wrecked Plane Moves from Internet to Ground

by Timothy G. Smith

“After hearing [the] account of the accident my research became a more serious undertaking for me,” writes the reporter. He again tackles the problem of obtaining permission to search beyond the “No Trespass” signs. After contacting Goddard, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and the Fish and Wildlife Service, he receives permission from Holly Wood of BARC and prepares to set out.

“I brought along a compass and map for guidance, a camera, a set of binoculars and the satellite photos I had copied from the internet.”

With my new permit in hand, the first place I chose to visit was the woods near the buildings on the old airport access road. Those buildings are now used as a biological research center. Upon my arrival I checked in with the research center staff and explained my presence so as not to cause alarm. They had no problem with my mission and even provided some helpful advice on conditions I would find in the woods.

I headed into the woods and walked toward the spot marked on the satellite photos that showed the airplane outline.

That spot, 200 yards to the south of the research center buildings, turned out to be in the middle of a swamp. I wasn’t prepared for wading in a swamp, especially on such a cold day in April. The only way to complete the search of that area was to walk all the way around the swamp while looking toward the center.

After about an hour and a half I had made a complete circuit of the swamp and was satisfied that no plane was there. I spent another hour searching all the woods that surrounded the swamp. Still no wreckage. I came out of the woods and returned to my car for lunch.

The next destination on my search was the clearing in the woods northeast of the runway intersection. I was able to drive most of the way there. My route followed the northwest/southeast runway. While driving I was able to assess the condition of the runway pavement. Where once each runway had been a paved asphalt surface over 400 feet wide and 4,000 feet long, they now appeared to be little more than cracked and rutted single lane country roads barely passable in my car.

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Coalition Releases Study Of More ICC Alternatives

by James Giese

At a press conference held at the Greenbelt Municipal Building on January 18, Stewart Schwartz, executive director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, released a report on a study of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) and other alternatives. The report found that four other alternatives to building the road, and in fact, the state’s no build alternative, proved to be better alternatives for Montgomery County and area commuters than building the ICC. Schwartz criticized the governor and the State of Maryland for not considering other alternatives to building an interstate-type highway across Montgomery County from I-270 near Gaithersburg to I-95 and Route 1 south of Laurel.

The report was a collaborative effort of a group of organizations that have been opposed to building the ICC: the Environmental Defense; the Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States; the Sierra Club-Maryland Chapter; Solutions, Not Sprawl; and the Coalition for Smarter Growth. Besides representatives of these organizations, other spokespersons at the press con-

ference included two city officials, Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach.

This group’s study, supported by the Prince Charitable Trust, used expert consultants and the same growth projections and computer moduling used for the ICC draft environmental impact study. They considered four alternatives to improve transportation in the study area not considered by the state. Schwartz accused the state of refusing to consider these alternatives to benefit residents and taxpayers. He noted that all alternatives would be less costly than the \$2.4 billion he said was the estimated cost for building the 18 mile ICC.

The four new alternatives considered combinations of:

- building the proposed purple Metro rail line from College Park to Bethesda,
- extending Metro lines and adding Metro stations in select locations,
- providing express bus service on freeways,
- adding lanes and converting HOV lanes on the Beltway, I-270

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What Goes On

Saturday, January 22

9 a.m. to noon, Electronic Recycling, “Buddy” Attick Park

Monday, January 24

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center, Room 112

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Council Room

Tuesday, January 25

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building, 1st floor Conference Room

Wednesday, January 26

7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession with Prince George’s County School Board (stakeholders), Community Center

Thursday, January 27

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters

Soloed on Beltsville Airfield in 1974

I was fortunate to read your article on the Beltsville airfield (someone at Goddard who knew I was a pilot left a copy of the News Review in my mailbox there). I soloed at that airport in 1974, when it was still paved and when the government (not just the Agriculture Department, I believe) still used it. It was off limits to general aviation but my instructor assured me that week-end use would not be a problem, although I do recall that one time a police car came chasing us down the runway with its lights blinking. Another hazard of flying at Beltsville, due to the surrounding trees, was that departing planes from the end of one of the two intersecting runways were invisible from the other until both were in the air (when both pilots assumed they were alone and/or avoided making courtesy radio calls).

The runways, as you note, were exceptionally long; so that “touch-and-go” landings were easily possible – a feature that nearly got me killed when I became sufficiently accustomed to the idea that I tried it, from habit, at the Laurel airport on my third solo. I soon realized my mistake but there wasn’t room to stop, so I persevered and made it over the trees. It’s a shame that the bureaucrats couldn’t have turned that airfield into a public facility (Goddard was carved out of the Agriculture preserve, after all) rather than treating it as the equivalent of war surplus, I think.

Thomas L. Cline

Furry Vandals

After reading about the McLeod’s Christmas lights possibly being vandalized, I felt certain that I knew who the culprit was. I intended to write but a busy week intervened and I was pleased to see Neil Williamson’s letter the following week.

My husband and I have lost numerous strands of icicle lights and in our case there is no doubt that the vandal is four-footed and furry. Each time a single bulb was found neatly severed from the strand. The squirrels are permanent denizens of our balcony and as we live on the third floor of our apartment building, we are pretty certain that no local biped is doing this.

We solved the problem by placing lights only high along the eaves, where squirrels can’t get a foothold and not along the balcony rail. I don’t know why squirrels like to chew electrical cords but have been told by electricians that this penchant can be very dangerous to humans, if the animals are permitted access to attics and chew the wiring there. It’s important to check routinely that they can’t get in, because they are also capable of chewing through or dislodging the various sorts of barriers that people install to deter them.

We are just grateful that our Christmas lights are never on during the daytime and that squirrels sleep at night. Otherwise, we might have awakened to fried Fluffy on several occasions!

Agnes McLean

As / See It

A Future ICC Portends Problems Ending Here

by Thomas X. White

How do you drive a stake into the heart of a vestigial segment of an abandoned concept once dubbed the “outer-beltway?” Long after the North Central Freeway was stopped dead when it threatened Rock Creek and Northwest Branch Parks and nearly 30 years after I-95 was stopped at the Washington Beltway when it was aimed at Hyattsville and northeast Washington neighborhoods and parks, we find ourselves in 2005 still dealing with a tired and expensive highway concept.

It is indeed a concept whose time has come and gone. The longer it consumes our energy, time and scarce resources, the more it prolongs, distorts and deters (maybe detours is a better word) our needed discussion on affordable, efficient and environmentally friendly choices for public transportation and transportation management solutions.

The Intercounty Connector (ICC) is championed by the State Highway Administration (SHA), Governor Robert Ehrlich, the Montgomery County government and a chorus of development and transportation interests that usually benefit from highways and the further growth they encourage. These supporters include “The Washington Post” and its local newspapers, the American Automobile Association, the Asphalt and Road Builders Associations, the Motor Truck Associations and the Homebuilders Association.

Citizens need to look carefully at what the ICC champions are trying to sell us. The ICC will not ease our traffic congestion problems. It will actually increase vehicle miles traveled on local roads. Even its proponents now concede that the ICC will not relieve congestion on the Beltway, I-95 or I-270.

But under the guise of a new term, “environmental stewardship,” touted in the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS), the SHA would have us believe they must destroy the environment in order to save it. The Environmental Stewardship section of the DEIS lists several “candidate” remediation options that could potentially address impacts from past developments not ICC related. These would include stream restoration, wetlands, storm water management and other community and cultural resources.

Excuse me, but how about not doing an ICC! That would be true environmental stewardship.

Environmental Assault

No matter how you cut it, the ICC would constitute a disastrous assault on the environment. Building and construction will take place in 100- and 50-year floodplain areas; dredging, filling, draining or alteration of wetlands will occur; public parks, forests and wildlife habitats will be adversely impacted; natural and manmade features unique to the local area will be affected; archeological and historic sites will be impacted; stream courses will be changed; additional air pollution will result; additional noise pollution will be generated; rare, unique or valuable plant and animal species and

their habitats will be reduced; and increased stream pollution will negatively affect the Chesapeake Bay.

Other than the No-Build alternative, the DEIS offers little evidence of any serious evaluation of alternative strategies for transportation management options or other solutions for ameliorating congestion in the study area. When balancing the total impact on the local and regional environment, the No-Build option wins hands down. It is truly irresponsible that the DEIS evaluated no other cost-effective and environmentally friendly alternatives.

Financial Assault

The really crowning blow from the ICC, if it were to go forward, would be the havoc it would play with Maryland’s financial future. It is estimated that the financing scheme being devised to pay for this monster will in effect include borrowing approximately \$1 billion from the State of Maryland’s future federal allocation from the U.S. Transportation Trust Fund. Not only must our children continue paying for this misadventure but other needed projects won’t be built because of the funds siphoned off by this project.

Greenbelt has already felt the impact of Maryland cutbacks in transportation funding; its citizens are now paying more in taxes for less. In addition, this governor’s policies have stopped cold already-approved pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements slated for the Greenbelt Road corridor. What’s next? Congestion relievers like Metro, the proposed Purple Line, intersection improvements, road upgrades and transportation management projects will have to get in line behind the ICC.

For Greenbelt, the ICC represents a double threat. If the ICC were constructed either to I-95 or to Route 1, the SHA will push for a freeway connection by extending Route 201 (Kenil-worth Avenue) to intersect with the ICC near Muirkirk or Virginia Manor Road in south Laurel. The ICC’s legacy to Green-belt would be its routing right through the city.

Safeway Launches Tsunami Relief

The devastating tsunami that struck South Asia the day after Christmas has triggered the largest relief effort in history.

Safeway has equipped each of their 1,800+ stores in the U.S. and Canada to receive and process customer donations to tsunami relief efforts. Customers need only tell the cashier what amount they would like added to their grocery bill as a donation.

These donations will be forwarded promptly to the American Red Cross and UNICEF, two of the organizations at the forefront of bringing aid to survivors.

In addition to in-store fundraising, the Safeway Foundation will make a cash contribution to the relief agencies and will match the contributions of Safeway employees.

Grin Belt

A cartoon illustration titled "Grin Belt". It shows a squirrel on a wire with a sign that says "PLATEAU PL". The squirrel is looking down at a dog on a fence. The dog is looking up at the squirrel. The squirrel is saying "SNIP SNIP". The dog is saying "Hurry up with that last chain of lights Jerome and let's go before we get caught!". The squirrel is also saying "Agnes Conaty 2005".

"Hurry up with that last chain of lights Jerome and let's go before we get caught!"

Giant Stores Collect for Tsunami Relief

Giant Food has announced plans to collect customer donations at all Giant and Super G stores for the tsunami relief effort in Southeast Asia through January 22. All funds collected from the drive will go to the American Red Cross and UNICEF to help the victims in Southeast Asia.

Giant is also collecting donations from associates at their main offices and distribution facilities. The collection is in addition to a \$50,000 contribution Giant and its sister company, Stop & Shop Supermarkets, pledged last week to aid relief efforts.

Giant's efforts are part of the unprecedented response to the catastrophe caused by the late December tsunami that swept across the Indian Ocean. Throughout the United States and the world, millions of people are reaching out to the survivors of this terrible tragedy.

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Community Events

Lecture Focuses On WWII Films, Race

“Movies, Race and World War II” is the title of a lecture sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum and the Maryland Humanities Council on Tuesday, January 25. The program will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. The speaker, Dr. Thomas Cripps, is a film historian and professor emeritus at Morgan State University.

Cripps will focus on the wartime propaganda of World War II – it was called “the people’s war” with catchwords like “unity,” “tolerance” and “brotherhood” and that it would result in “a new birth of freedom.”

One of the most successful agencies in broadcasting these messages, Cripps points out, was an informal alliance among Hollywood movie makers, the Office of War Information and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Movies that resulted from this alliance seemed to call for a “Double V” over both foreign fascism and domestic racism, a message seeming to foreshadow the goals of the Civil Rights movement.

During World War II American movies conveyed the urgency to make America better than its fascist enemies and suggested a promise of future “brotherhood, tolerance and equality.” Hollywood movies such as “Sundown,” “Sahara” and “Lifeboat” and government propaganda movies such as “The Negro Soldier” anticipated the politics of racial activism and offered a documentary record of that aspect of American history.

Cripps believes that these films can be analyzed with a view to understanding the politics of the era and its future implications – which this presentation will do by viewing several fragments of both Hollywood feature films and wartime documentaries. The films open other questions as well, such as whether a democracy should have official or semi-official mass media.

Cripps served as coordinator of Morgan State's University Television Project, which produced more than 40 programs on African American life and culture for syndication on commercial television. He has published a number of books on black film, including “Slow Fade to Black: The Negro in American Film, 1900-1942” and “Making Movies Black: The Hollywood Message Movie from World War II to the Civil Rights Era.”

Judges to Speak At Mishkan Torah

The Honorable Deborah Chasanow, a Federal Court judge and the Honorable Sherrie Krauser, a District Court judge, will be guest speakers at a program at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Sunday, January 23 at 1 p.m. The program will offer glimpses into the legal system from two distinct perspectives. The speakers will provide personal insights into the processes of the law. The public is invited to participate in this free program. The synagogue is located at 10 Ridge Road.

On Screen

Hotel on the Edge

“Hotel Rwanda,” at Old Greenbelt Theatre from Friday, January 21, is framed by the genocide in 1994 in the name-sake African country. The real-life manager of a luxury hotel – himself Hutu, married to a Tutsi – is caught in the middle. When his clientele of European tourists and local military elite depart, Paul Rusesabagina (Don Cheadle) tries every stratagem to take in and save hordes of refugees. A vivid sense of menace and bloody confrontation pervades from the start.

Directed by Terry George, who wrote the screenplay with Keir Pearson, “Hotel Rwanda” has been nominated for a number of Oscars and other awards. Cheadle heads a highly-regarded cast that also features Nick Nolte as head of an armed UN detachment crimped in its options and Sophie Okonedo as the manager’s wife and mother of their young children.

Based on true events, the film is a wrenching testament of the terrible price of war – wherever it is, whatever its genesis. Those fortunate to be far from such scenes need to be reminded of what’s happening “out there.” PG-13, 110 minutes.

– Eli Flam

GAFC to Host Three-team Meet

by Larry Hilliard

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) will host a three-team swim meet between Eleanor Roosevelt, Duval and Crossland High Schools’ teams on Saturday, January 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Greenbelt Swim Team will follow this swim meet with a 1/2 hour exhibition of water polo in the pool from approximately 9:15 to 9:30 p.m.

Plan to root for these home teams as they promote two great sports. The Greenbelt Swim Team and GAFC co-host Thursday night water polo from 8 to 10 p.m. in the outdoor pool resuming in June.

At the Library

Children’s Programs

Tuesday, January 25, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime, newborns to 24 months with caregiver. Limited to 15 babies.

Wednesday, January 26, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for ages 14 to 36 months with caregiver, limit 15.

Thursday, January 27, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20.

Star Party

Weather permitting, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club will host a star party this Saturday, January 22 at the Wolfe Field on Northway extended. Club members will have telescopes available to share views of celestial objects. Sunset will be at 5:17 p.m. In the event of precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies at the time of an event, the star party will be cancelled without further notice.

The club will also hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 27. The meeting will be held in the H.B. Owens Science Center at 9601 Greenbelt Road and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

FOGM Successful Fundraising Efforts

Friends of the Greenbelt Museum have raised \$66,000 toward a match for the National Endowment for Humanities Challenge grant. The group hopes to raise \$4,000 more to reach its next goal, and plans a kick-off event in the spring.

Explore Injury Avoidance

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation on fall prevention by Wendy Skolnik from ResponseLINK on Friday, January 28. Her presentation will address in a straightforward, non-clinical manner some of the root causes or risk factors of falls, a serious problem affecting more than one-third of all adults over 65 each year. The focus will be on the various ways individuals can remain independent in their homes by greatly reducing the risk of falling. Medication management as well as environmental safety, including a simple home adaptation checklist, are two areas that will be highlighted. Audience participation is encouraged.

Skolnik is co-owner of ResponseLINK of Washington, D.C., a national company specializing in life safety systems for senior citizens and the disabled. Through numerous training sessions and workshops as well as her work experience, Skolnik has gained first-hand experience in assisting those in need with fall-prevention techniques in the home. In addition, her ongoing work as a Meals on Wheels volunteer and her activities with Iona Senior Services in Washington, D.C. have enhanced her knowledge in the field of senior safety.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Jan. 21

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Saturday

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Sunday

*2:15, *4:50, 7:30

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State Projects: Status Update

In response to the City of Greenbelt’s comments on the draft FY 2005-2010 Consolidated Transportation Program, Secretary Robert Flanagan of the Maryland Department of Transportation made the following statements in a January 7 letter to the city:

- Your support for construction of the Bi-County Transitway is appreciated.
- The Department was pleased to be able to fund the sidewalk improvement project on Route 193 (Greenbelt Road) from Cherrywood Lane to Cunningham Drive which is programmed for FY 2006.
- You also expressed support for the proposed Metro Matters Program. I am pleased to inform you that Maryland was the first to sign on to this program, which has been approved by the region. Metro Matters will increase Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation’s capital budget over the next six years

by \$1.5 billion, to fund maintenance and purchase new rail cars and buses.

- The city’s opposition to the ICC, based on the potential environmental and financial impacts, has been noted and will be taken into consideration as the project study continues.
- In regard to the University of Maryland Connector, the proposed planning study has not yet been initiated.
- We regret that we are unable to fund the streetscape improvements along Route 193 in the city. In the future, when a more favorable funding picture exists, we may be able to assist in this effort.
- The department understands the city’s position concerning the extension of Route 201; however, no final decisions have been made. The State Highway Administration will continue to work with the city as we proceed with the study of improvements to Route 201 and/or Route 1.


County Library Seeks Trustees

The Board of Library Trustees of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System invites county residents to submit applications to fill vacancies on the board.

The Board of Library Trustees is a policy-making body that governs operation of the library system. Applications,

along with additional information, are available in all branches and the Administrative Offices of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System.

The application deadline is February 18. For more information, contact the director’s office at 301-699-3500.



GDC Meeting

• Trash Removal Contract

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, January 27, 2005

7:30 p.m.

GHI Board Room

7:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

• Member Complaint Issues

Key Agenda Items

• Nonconforming Vinyl Storage Container – 6C Crescent

• Proposed Shed – 57M Ridge

• Companion Animal Committee Report

• Investment Policy Change

• 2005 Trash Removal Contract – 2nd Reading

• Review of Water Supply Lining Pilot Project – 62A/B Crescent

• Management Audit – Statement of Work

Regular board meetings are open to members.



There's a new Bingo starting at the Fire House on Thursday, February 3.

New Bingo Starting

Thursday Evenings

Greenbelt Fire House

125 Crescent Rd.

Door open 6:00 pm

Earlybirds start 7:15 pm

Free Food and Drink

Free 3-pack to everyone the first night.

Obituaries

Wendell Luther Lund

Wendell Luther Lund, 98, who moved to Washington, D.C., to work with New Deal agencies and then practiced law in the city for more than five decades, died December 25, 2004, at Woodhaven Hall, a nursing care facility in Williamsburg, Va. He had pneumonia.

Mr. Lund joined the Roosevelt administration in the early 1930s as executive secretary of the Upper Monongahela Valley Committee, set up by the Interior Department to create jobs for the unemployed during the Depression. He then became chairman of the family selection division of the Resettlement Administration, an agency that created planned communities such as Greenbelt. He helped choose the families that moved into Greenbelt and other planned communities.

He was a 1938 graduate of Georgetown University's law school. He worked for other federal agencies before making an unsuccessful bid in 1940 for a U.S. House of Representatives seat from the upper peninsula of Michigan where he had grown up. He lost by 800 votes.

In 1940, he helped establish the law firm of Brown, Fenlon and Lund, with offices in the District and Detroit. The firm became Lund and O'Brien. He retired from practice in 1995 and two years later moved from Washington to Williamsburg.




Judith Viorst Signing

Famed children's author Judith Viorst will sign books and meet her fans at the Grand Pavilion of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Saturday, January 22 from noon to 1 p.m. The public is invited to this free event.

Baha'i Faith

"O SON OF MAN! Bestow My wealth upon My poor, that in heaven thou mayest draw from stores of unfading splendor and treasures of imperishable glory. But by My life! To offer up thy soul is a more glorious thing couldst thou but see with Mine eye."
—Baha'u'llah

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM
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Sunday, January 30, 2005
Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

Male Chorus to Sing At Baptist Church

The Johnson Male Chorus, comprised of 18 members, will sing at the Greenbelt Baptist Church on Sunday, January 23 at 5 p.m. The chorus was formed in 1952 and has been offering its music to a variety of congregations through the years as they share their heartfelt Gospel praise.

The Johnson Male Chorus is one of many vocal groups at Asbury Town Neck United Methodist Church, located in Severna Park. They don't come to provide entertainment but to minister through song to those who are listening.

This is an open event, not exclusive for Greenbelt Baptist Church members. All are welcome to attend and enjoy the ministry of praise that the Johnson Male Chorus will share.

For more information call Greenbelt Baptist Church at 301-474-4212.

Everyday Worries Subject of Class

Learn practical techniques to identify worries and make changes so that worry has a positive effect. The class will be held on Tuesday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring.

This class is free and open to the public. For more information call 301-681-1255.


UM Open Dance Rehearsal Offered

Visiting artists Sara Pearson and Patrik Widrig and the Maryland Dance Ensemble are preparing a new work to premiere this April. See the work in progress at the dance theater of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, located on the College Park Campus of the University of Maryland, on Tuesday, January 25 at 5 p.m. The presentation is free.

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301-474-4322

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No Happy Ending Yet for Jasper

by Eileen Farnham



Despite fliers, ads in the News Review and constant calling him by name in places where he might be, cat-about-town Jasper, formerly known as Lucky, is still missing according to his owner, Mary Giles, of 63 Court Ridge Road. Jasper, a six-year-old dark gray tiger male with white underside, strolled off December 30 and has not returned. The mild weather that offered a break for him to be found safe has turned bitter. Over three weeks have now passed, causing the Giles to fear the worst has befallen the cat they adopted a few years ago when he became a ward of kind-hearted residents of 5 Court Laurel Hill Road.

In the wake of the Giles' offer of a reward and their efforts to find him, there have been a few calls, Mary Giles says. The first was an upsetting piece of information that he had been run over on the B-W Parkway. This look-alike unfortunate received a decent burial after the Giles ascertained it was not Jasper. There have been a few other calls that have turned out to be cases of mistaken identity – it turns out there are more dark gray tiger cats in Greenbelt than either of them realized until their own was missing.

At this writing there is no good news to report and no happy ending.

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Gardeners Discuss Native Plants

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. Joan Feely will speak on "How to Use Native Plants in Ways You Use Non-native Plants." Feely is the curator of the Fern Valley Plant Collection at the U.S. Arboretum, a branch of the USDA's Research Service. She has been with the Arboretum since 1986 and is responsible for the seven-acre Fern Valley Native Plant Collection, the National Grove of State Trees and a three-acre forest restoration project adjacent to the Arboretum's Beech Woods.

The public is invited to attend this free meeting. Refreshments and plant door prizes will follow the meeting. For information contact Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit the website at: www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

See Science Show At Aviation Museum

John Hadfield is back at the College Park Aviation Museum near the College Park Airport with "The Science Show," a composition of science and singing, music and magic. Tickets will be available for advance purchase through SMARTlink. Visit www.pgparcs.com and click on "SMARTlink" for this one-day event on Saturday, January 22 at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.


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Greenbelt a “home for cooperation.”

City councilmembers and the audience were enthusiastic about the video. Palau wrote the script but credited Goldberg-Strassler with very creative ad libs and his ability to do it all in one take. Councilmembers thought the video gave a good sense of the community and the unique characteristics of the city.

Davis also congratulated Palau on her 15 years of service to the community and to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, who has been with the city staff for 25 years.

Intercounty Connector

Davis and councilmembers Leta Mach and Rodney Roberts spoke at last week’s hearing on the Intercounty Connector (ICC), voicing the city’s continuing opposition to the ICC. Councilmember Konrad Herling also attended and had some follow-up thoughts. He urged a broader policy with greater usage of buses, extension of the Purple Line and other approaches to mass transportation to preserve the environment and make the nation less dependent upon the automobile. He said it was Greenbelt’s responsibility “to not only oppose the ICC but also recommend the alternatives and be a part of a national policy.”

Davis emphasized it’s not too late to comment and that there is still another hearing in Montgomery County to rally opposition. McLaughlin said that the period of submitting comments for the record closes in mid-February.

Homeland Security

Greenbelt has submitted an application for a \$20,000 grant for acquisition of additional equipment and training for Greenbelt police officers responding to biological, nuclear and other emergencies. The grant would also support the purchase of six defibrillators. Police Chief James Craze spoke of the potential value of the defibrillators, since police are often the first responders in an emergency. Council also discussed the possibility of having the defibrillators around the city in public buildings. Only a few are in place now. McLaughlin said they are relatively inexpensive and easy to use and that the city could expand their use. Council formally approved the grant submission.

Police Vehicles

Council approved the purchase of three four-wheel drive sports utility vehicles (Chevrolet Trail Blazers) to help the police department get around in severe weather, for a total cost of approximately \$68,000, less than the amount budgeted. McLaughlin emphasized the city’s need for the SUVs, since that type of vehicle is not currently available in the rest of the city fleet for police to use as needed.

McLaughlin said the SUVs in the overall fleet have been replaced by smaller vehicles. Craze

said the Trail Blazers get good gas mileage and are mid-sized SUVs.

Other Business

During the petition portion of the meeting, Chris Schuman, a resident of Gardenway, reported on drainage conditions around the city. He pointed out a number of situations causing erosion in the underpasses in the center city. He cited specific problems with drainage and trash in the underpass near the Mobil station. Davis mentioned plans to make improvements to prevent flooding.

Davis commented that loitering and vandalism have been problems the police have been monitoring. McLaughlin mentioned some improvements but agreed that more work needs to be done. Captain Thomas Kemp described the patrols. He said that pressure in one place brings results but then the problem shifts.

Boy Scout Peter Lomax, attending the council meeting to earn a merit badge, was introduced by the council and on the invitation of Councilmember Edward Putens took his chair for a photo opportunity.

Council went on record supporting in concept county legislation to change regulations for towing companies operating in the county. Putens thought that the proposed legislation would eliminate many of the abuses associated with towing while still allowing communities to have access to this needed service.

Davis has been elected chair of the Board of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (and took office on January 19). She also has been appointed to the Steering Committee of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee of the National League of Cities.

McLaughlin reported that 850 people took part in First Night Greenbelt. This was down slightly from previous years but still a good crowd, he said.

Greenbelt will send 14 police officers to assist in security for the Presidential inauguration, as is the city’s custom of participation in area-wide events.

Councilmembers supported following up with the Board of Elections on provisions for early voting, following a meeting on this topic that Davis and Mach had attended.

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City Information

CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building-Council Room
January 24, 2005 – 8 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

***Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Preliminary Countywide Green Infrastructure Plan
- Contract with Bowie State University to Provide In-Home Health Care
- Pending State/County Legislation
- Applications to County Livable Communities Program

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us to reach the City Clerk.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
Saturday, January 22, 2005
9am-12noon



City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection truck located in the lower parking lot of Buddy Attick Park.

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Sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Education.

Meetings for January 24-28

Monday, January 24, 7:30pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center, Rm 112.

Monday, January 24, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting, Council Room.

Tuesday, January 25, 7:00pm, Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Wednesday, January 26, 7:30pm, City Council Work Session w/PG County School Board (stakeholder), Community Center.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:

**Advisory Planning Board
Public Safety Advisory Committee
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee**

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INVITATION TO BID

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, invites sealed bids for furnishing the following:

4-Wheel Front Mower

This equipment is to be delivered to the Department of Public Works, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Interested bidders may pick up a bid specifications package for Bid 2005-1 at:

**City of Greenbelt
Finance Office
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770**

Please call the Department of Public Works at (301) 474-8004 regarding bid submission questions. Bids must be **RECEIVED** no later than 02/25/05 at 10 a.m. Bids will be opened publicly at 10:10a.m. on 02/25/05.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS:
301-474-8000: Monday, January 24th at 8pm: City Council Meeting “live.”
Tuesday & Thursday, January 25 & 27: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert,” **6:45pm** “ACE Reading Club presents Springhill Lake Elementary,” **6:55pm** “ACE Reading Club presents Greenbelt Middle School,” **7:10pm** “Replay of City Council Meeting.”

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581:
Wednesday & Friday, January 26 & 28: 7:00pm “Future View,” **7:30pm** “The College Park March 5th Strike for Peace,” **8:30pm** Liberty Theater presents “Carousel.”

FAMILY SWIM NIGHT

**Saturday, January 29th
7-9:45pm**

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
\$3.00 PER FAMILY

Bring your pool toys (no inflatable rafts, floats or balls) for a fun night of swimming, music and more. Noodles and diving rings will be available. For more info, call the GAFC at 301-397-2204

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ICC Issues

The Intercounty Connector (ICC) was put on the agenda to compare notes on the latest information on the project and the on-going public hearings. Within the four cities, Greenbelt and College Park have taken a position opposing the ICC and Berwyn Heights has taken a position favoring it.

Davis announced that there would be a press conference by a collaboration of organizations on January 18 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building to announce the release of an analysis of alternative transportation solutions instead of the ICC that should be considered by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA).

Greenbelt also reported on the most recent efforts on the part of several municipalities to reach agreement with newspaper vendors on the location and appearance of the vending boxes on neighborhood streets. Greenbelt offered to send the latest draft to the Four Cities members.

SHA Projects

Greenbelt reported on a December 30, 2004, meeting of the Prince George’s County Municipal Association (PGCMA) with SHA officials at the District 3 offices in Greenbelt. Neil Pederson, district engineer, briefed the PGCMA on general SHA activities for maintenance, intersection improvements and current or future projects. Of interest to the four cities is the partial reinstatement of funds for the Greenbelt Road Neighborhood Conservation Program, now called the Community Safety Enhancement Program. The amounts reinstated in the budget for the project are well below the previous amounts and projects will now be judged on technical merits and safety factors (crash rates) – not aesthetics.

The Route 1 improvement project has now been agreed to by the state, county and the City of College Park. Although engineering plans are being finalized, there has been no mention of funding for the project.

Pederson also reported that the

plans for extending Route 201 northward from Cherrywood Lane as a divided highway have been reactivated. Although plans had been put on hold due to overspending in the transportation budget, they are now back on track, according to Pederson. SHA is now considering alternate routes and environmental impact. According to Davis, Pederson said that the environmental impacts would be significant. He also said that this project (Route 201 extended) was not driven by the ICC directly but he did not rule that out entirely, according to Davis. The Beltsville Agricultural Research Center has not yet taken a position and public hearings and final plans are apparently years away.

New development now occurring between Kenilworth Ave. (Route 201) and the College Park Metro station will fund the widening of part of Kenilworth below Good Luck Road to six lanes.

Agreements

The Four Cities representatives agreed to sending a letter to the SHA reiterating support for the early funding and completion of the Route 1 improvements.

Another item placed on the agenda by College Park was this year’s version of the Planning and Zoning Authority for Municipalities legislation introduced by Delegate Pauline Menes at the current session of the Maryland legislature. Brayman noted that he is not thrilled with the bill and concerned that it really doesn’t offer anything useful for municipalities and could be used as a reason for further delay of full planning-and-zoning-enabling authority for municipalities. The other representatives saw some usefulness in the bills and were interested in seeing the legislation considered this year.

At the close of the meeting, much to Davis’ surprise, her colleagues presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and congratulations on her election the day before as the new chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors.

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and I-95 into managed toll lanes for use by cars and express buses,

- creating HOT (high occupancy toll) lanes that would be managed toll lanes for low occupancy vehicles and free lanes for express buses and high occupancy (three or more passengers) vehicles,
- the taking of added transit oriented land use measures to spur job growth in Prince George’s County and near Metro stations (such as the Greenbelt Metro Station) and
- providing greater housing availability in Montgomery County, so more workers could live near their jobs and reduce commutes.

Results

Stephen Cafilisch of the Sierra Club detailed the results of the study. The four new alternatives plus the ICC no build and the ICC Corridor 1 alternatives were ranked from first to sixth on 10 factors: vehicle hours of travel, vehicle hours of daily delay, vehicle miles traveled (all facilities), vehicle miles traveled on major arterial highways, total transit trips, the transit share of work trips, travel speed, air quality and total cost. Cafilisch said that the report found that in all alternatives to the ICC, less time is spent in cars. And there are fewer hours of delay due to congestion.

The ICC was the only alternative that would increase vehicle miles traveled and vehicle trips per day. All of the alternatives result in lower air pollution emissions for the study area and the region as a whole than the ICC. Of the four alternatives, a

hybrid alternative that combined the changes proposed in each of the other three alternatives proposed such as HOT lanes, rail improvements and express bus service plus transit oriented land use and investment resulted in the lowest average rank for the 10 categories.

Michael Repogle, transportation director for Environmental Defense and a former transportation planner for Montgomery County, stated that the proposed alternatives to the ICC could reduce travel time for Montgomery County commuters by 150,000 hours a day. In comparison, the ICC alternative would increase travel hours by 40,000 a day. Also, the ICC is the only alternative studied that will increase air pollution, by about 1 percent. With the new alternatives, air pollution could be reduced by as much as 2 percent, he said.

The alternatives were also less expensive, Repogle said. The four ranged in costs from \$6 million to \$2 billion as compared to the \$2.4 billion for the ICC. The revenues resulting from toll managed lanes would be significantly higher than those proposed for on the ICC. These tolls could be used to help pay for the cost of express bus service, he suggested. “We can expand access for people without cars,” he said, while building an ICC would result in people having to become more car dependent.

Mayor Comments

Davis expressed the city’s unanimous and consistent opposition to the ICC because of its environmental impact, effect on

roads in Greenbelt and excessive cost burden. She said that there is no assurance that the ICC will be a longtime solution to reduced travel time. Why is the governor and state so narrowly focused on one solution, she queried?

Davis advocated for a wide range of housing stock everywhere in the region to encourage people to live near to where they work. Now affordable housing is being built far out, increasing the commuting time for lower income workers.

She was pleased to see the purple line considered in the alternatives. She thought the alternatives were a better way to move commuters. “I’m glad to see this report come out,” she concluded.

Mach’s theme was that it was a shame the way things were being done. It’s a shame the draft environmental impact statement didn’t consider these alternatives, she said, when there are so many more alternatives that could be considered. It’s a shame that this latest ICC study has been rushed, she stated.

Building highways is a 20th century solution to solving traffic problems, Mach contended. “We want 21st century solutions that are visionary and forward looking solutions,” she said, advocating transit oriented development and construction of light rail.

Schwartz concluded the press conference by declaring that the participating groups are urging the governor and the state to take more time to look at other alternatives.

UM Chorus Auditions

The world-renowned Maryland Chorus and music director Edward Maclary announce auditions on January 24, 7 to 9:30 p.m. This spring season features choral excerpts from Benjamin Britten’s operatic masterpiece; “Peter Grimes” with the University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra (February 17); and “Alexander’s Feast,” George Frideric Handel’s ode in honor of St. Cecilia (May 8). Concerts take place in the state-of-the art Dekelbaum Concert Hall. Auditions will be held at the UM College Park campus.

Call 301-405-5571 for more information.

State Approves Restroom Funds

In October 2004, Greenbelt applied for funding through the Maryland Community Parks and Playground Program to be used toward the “Buddy” Attick Park restroom project. The application was prepared by Bill Phelan and Kristen Ward of the Public Works Department.

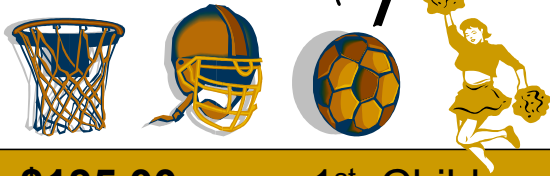
The city was recently notified that it will receive \$100,000 through this program for the restroom project.



Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Inc.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

January 11, 1:51 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a woman reported that she was walking to the Bank of America to make a deposit when she was approached from behind by a man, who placed what she believed to be a handgun to her back and grabbed the deposit bag. He then fled the scene on foot, running across Greenbelt Road. He is described as a black male, 5’5” to 5’8”, 150 to 180 pounds, wearing a black shirt and black pants.

Money Scam

January 11, 1 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, an 83-year-old non-resident woman reported that she was about to go shopping at the mall when she was approached by another woman, who stated that she found a large amount of cash and bonds in a wallet in the parking lot. The second woman then told the first woman that she would give her a portion of the found money, on the condition that the first woman put up some money of her own. The victim went to her bank and withdrew cash, while the other woman waited nearby. The victim gave the suspect the money she had withdrawn from the bank, with the suspect in turn giving the victim a bank deposit bag that she said contained the victim’s share of the found money. After the suspect fled the scene the victim discovered that there was no money in the bag. The suspect is described as a black female in her 30s or 40s and 6’ tall.

Prescription Fraud

January 10, 1:13 p.m., Co-op Pharmacy, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with two counts of attempting to obtain a drug by fraud after she attempted to pick up prescription drugs that were requested on a forged prescription. She was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner

Theft

January 8, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft after police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle and a

computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

January 8, Kenilworth Avenue and Route I-95, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft after police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation and a computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Public Drinking

January 7, 7:37 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with drinking in public when police responded to a report of a disorderly person in the mall parking lot. The man was located in an outside stairwell drinking a beer. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

January 11, 11:57 p.m., 7100 block Greenbelt Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the residence by forcing open the kitchen window. It is unknown at this time if anything was taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were stolen: a black 1991 Honda Civic 2-door, Maryland tags MJC889 and a red 1991 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags A075703 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; a white 1999 Dodge van, Maryland tags 324M783 from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway; and a black 1994 Honda Civic 4-door, Maryland tags KMT781 from the 6700 block Lake Park Drive.

One vehicle was recovered by Prince George’s County police with no arrests made.

Vandalism to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 7600 block Mandan Road (two incidents), 8100 block Mandan Road, 8400 Canning Terrace, 6100 block Springhill Drive, 6200 block Springhill Drive, 9100 block Springhill Lane, 9300 block Edmonston Road and Beltway Plaza Mall (two incidents).

City Notes

The Planning and Community Development Code Enforcement staff continued re-inspection of Springhill Lake Apartments exterior violations and inspected water main replacements at Lakeside North and Crescent Square II. They inspected the drains at Roosevelt Center for flooding due to excessive rain. They issued a stop work order for driveway work on Ridge Road that was being done without county or city permits; and laid out the site for the Animal Control facility.

Animal Control staff followed up on three health department checks from previous bite reports; responded to a new bite report; and recovered a large rooster at large in Springhill Lake Apartments.



Parking enforcement staff assisted animal control in catching the rooster at Springhill Lake and responded to and issued tickets in two citizen complaints of handicap and fire lane violations.

Nineteen noise complaints were processed, resulting in 17 first warnings.

Planning and Community Development staff met with the Lakeside North resident manager regarding installing an ADA-compliant handicap ramp and began review of the detailed site plan for the Friends Community School.

Public Works

The streets crew repaired potholes throughout the city. The facilities maintenance crew continued working on the window project in the Municipal Building. The vehicle mechanics replaced brakes on one truck and the exhaust system on another. The parks crews began installing posts for the new playground deck near 73 Court Ridge Road. The horticulture crew removed tree stakes and water bags from trees which have been in the ground more than a year.

All crews spent a day clearing the yard at Public Works of used concrete, asphalt, wood and litter. Over 50 percent of the materials were taken to recycling facilities.

Refuse and recycling collected 15.46 tons of paper and co-mingled recyclable materials and 28.2 tons of refuse and transported it to the proper disposal sites.

Recreation Dept.

Administration/youth center staff received design documents from Vitetta for restoration of windows at the Community Center. They have submitted a nomination of the B.U.I.L.D.I.N.G. program for a Recreation and Leisure Services Branch Innovative Program Award.

Two recently-ordered circuit training machines for the fitness wing have been delivered and installed at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

CARES

Two GED classes, GED I and GED II, will be held for 10 weeks every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Eight students registered for the course.

Friends Community School On Track to Open Fall 2006

by Peter H. Curtis

Friends Community School (FCS) expects to break ground for its new building around July 15 of this year, according to Tom Goss, head of school in a recent interview. He anticipated that the project will take about one year to complete and that the school will open on its property just south of Westchester Park in the fall of 2006.

FCS plans to construct a one-level building of approximately 25,000 square feet, a single playing field, needed access roads and a parking lot for 37 cars. In total, the school will use between seven and eight percent of the 17.4 acres it owns. Most of the remaining land will be left in its current condition, including almost all wetlands and woodlands.

The school will open with all grades K-8 and with an enrollment of about 175 students. Currently the school serves students in K-6 with an enrollment of 140. While the occupancy permit lists a maximum enrollment of 200, Goss did not anticipate reaching that size for some time, if ever.

Building Design

Goss explained that, as a Friends school, FCS will build its new home to reflect Quaker principles of simplicity and good stewardship of natural resources. The building will be fully certified by the U.S. Green Building Council as meeting the guidelines of its Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) program, likely at the “gold” or second highest level.

For example, to maintain a very high level of energy efficiency, the building will employ straw bales as insulation. Straw bales are a safe, renewable resource which produce an extremely high “R” value when used as insulation, Goss noted. They have been used successfully in home construction nationwide and in larger buildings in the Midwest and West. This may be the first large building in the Middle Atlantic states, however, to use this technique.

Many other natural, energy efficient features, including a vegetated (“green”) roof will also be employed according to Goss.

Construction Firms

To construct its new home, FCS has assembled a team of individuals and firms in a number of professions. Architects for the project are Peter Doo and Paul Dibos of the Baltimore firm of Hord, Coplan and Macht. Both Doo, the lead architect, and Dibos are fully LEED certified and have considerable experience with “green” buildings.

FCS has selected the Columbia firm of SynthesisUSA to supervise the project as the owner’s representative. Goss noted that this company has managed construction of many similar buildings, as well as overseeing the construction of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation headquarters in Annapolis, the first major “green” building in this region.

In early November the architects, owner’s representative and the school board’s planning com-

mittee finalized 100 percent detailed plans for the building. In December, after a thorough bidding process, Gilbane Building Company, whose regional headquarters are in Laurel, was chosen as the firm to manage actual construction of the project.

This company is a major builder of schools and related structures, with \$9.6 billion in projects now underway nationwide. Its staff members have extensive local experience, including construction of Comcast Center at the University of Maryland.

Martin Sharpless, Mid-Atlantic regional business manager for Gilbane, noted that while this project is smaller than many of those his firm undertakes, “We believe that it is a jewel.” Its location and use of cutting-edge environmentally-friendly building techniques are both of great interest to Gilbane, he explained. The company wants to expand its share of the private school building market and believes that “green” construction will be in increasing demand in all markets it serves.

Neighbors

Goss emphasized that the school has stayed in regular contact with its neighbors, apprising all affected parties of its plans. School representatives have met on a number of occasions with several civic associations which represent different parts of the Westchester Park development. FCS has also made presentations at Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt council meetings.

Goss has also met several times with the staff of Greenbelt Park and with Gayle Hazelwood, formerly of the park and now superintendent of National Capital Parks East. The school and the park intend to work together on a number of joint interests and concerns.

Recently the school submitted its detailed site plan to the Prince George’s County Planning Board for consideration, according to Lawrence Taub, FCS lawyer and a member of the local firm of O’Malley, Miles, Nylen and Gilmore. He also said that the process is on schedule for obtaining the needed legal permissions to build the school.

Cost

Goss estimated that the school construction will cost between \$4.5 and \$4.8 million. A major capital campaign is underway to defray much of this sum. Goss believes that fundraising will cover from 60 to 70 percent of construction cost. The balance will be paid through a mortgage from a local financial institution, likely Sandy Spring Bank.

Goss concluded by emphasizing that the school, as its name indicates, has always been deeply concerned with serving the communities around it and with being responsive to their needs and interests. A geographic move will not change this role, he said.

Peter Curtis is a member of the Board of Trustees, Friends Community School and a News Review staff member.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

Laurel College Center Receives Grant

On Wednesday, January 19, Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) joined the presidents of Howard Community College and Prince George’s Community College to announce the award of almost \$200,000 for the Laurel College Center that he secured in the federal Omnibus Appropriations Act passed by the Congress late last year.

The Laurel College Center (LCC) is an innovative partnership between Prince George’s Community College and Howard

Community College to make higher education more accessible to the residents of Laurel and the surrounding area. The LCC, offering credit and continuing education classes, has seen rapid enrollment growth, including a 35 percent increase in fall 2004. These funds will be used to expand the Laurel College Center including the development and outfitting of a biological sciences lab, which will be used to support nursing and allied health students.

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A Review

Cole Porter's Musical Wows Audience at Arts Center

by Sabine Hentrich

Roy Hammond, who recently directed the much darker “Death-trap” for the Greenbelt Arts Center, turned Cole Porter’s musical “You Never Know” into an instant hit in Old Greenbelt. A big crowd makes a big difference in live theater – apparent to both actors and audience – both of whom were thrilled to see that the show was a sellout.

Based on the play “By Candlelight” written by Sigfried Geyer, Karl Farkas and Robert Katscher and adapted by Rowland Leigh with music and lyrics by Cole Porter (it did take a village), “You Never Know” was downsized to its original cast of six for the Arts Center’s performance.

The action, which takes place in Baron Rommer’s Hotel Suite in 1929, follows the adventures of the Baron and his valet “Gaston,” both charming seducers. The play involves mistaken identity, twisted humor (like casual jokes on spousal infidelity), song, dance and, most of all, Cole Porter’s well known music.

The actors wear many hats (or jackets) in this production. For instance, they all have to sing and dance as well as act, switching roles with one another constantly and pulling off many jokes considered rather innocent in these post-Clinton days.

Luckily Chuck Dluhy, who plays the lead as “Gaston,” can sing, dance and, most importantly, embody the kind of

charm many would die (or kill) for. What a treat to see such a talent at one’s local community theater. Dluhy perfectly personified the time period and genre by being silly enough to give his role the right touch without ever getting too goofy.

Sam DePriest, now an Arts Center regular, was a great Baron Rommer, playing opposite his “servant” and partner in crime Gaston. DePriest has to carry a running joke throughout the play. Somehow he manages to give it different nuances each and every time, just one example of how a fabulous actor can show off his versatility in a play like this.

This musical would not be what it was, however, without its fantastic supporting actors, in particular Richelle “Rikki” Howie as Ida and Amy E. Haynes as Maria.

Howie was on fire Friday night, particularly with her solo performance of “I’m Back in Circulation” – a song she sings to celebrate her break-up with Baron Rommer.

She is all-woman with her fabulous voice and mind boggling dance number, during which she shows the audience a few uses for one’s grand piano that one might not have thought of yet.

Haynes, as Maria, Gaston’s “conquest,” is another actor who seamlessly performs a difficult role, changing characters constantly to pretend something she is or is not without ever confus-



Gaston (Chuck Dluhy) and Maria (Amy E. Haynes) sing “Let’s Misbehave.”

ing anyone. She too has a knock-out voice that helps her go from naughty to nice and back during the course of this play.

Much credit also has to go to Howie for her choreography, to Heather C. Jackson for costumes and to director Hammond, who also designed the simple but magnificent set. And last, but not least, the live orchestra certainly helped spark up Porter’s music without ever upstaging the

actors.

Anyone in need of a “feel good” musical with much charm, some skin, good singing and dancing and lots of twisted humor is invited to the Greenbelt Arts Center Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through February 5, with Sunday matinees on January 23 at 2 p.m. and January 30 at 5 p.m.

Program on Ukraine At New Deal Café

Matt Schultz and Bill Varettoni, former Peace Corps volunteers to Ukraine, will read excerpts from letters they wrote during their service from 2000 to 2002. This program will be held at the New Deal Café on Wednesday, February 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. Ukraine has been featured prominently in news headlines recently because of the country’s disputed presidential election.

The event is intended to give people a greater understanding of Ukraine as a country, beyond what is portrayed in the news media. The readings will also shed light on the lives of Peace Corps volunteers – the daily routines, small achievements and setbacks of living in a foreign country.

The event is free and open to the public. After the readings Schultz and Varettoni will questions about Ukraine and Peace Corps service.

Weight Loss Surgery Seminar Offered

Weight loss surgery options will be discussed, along with their advantages and risks. The free seminar will be held on Monday, January 24 at 7:15 p.m. at Washington Adventist Hospital, 7600 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park. For more information call 1-800-542-5096.

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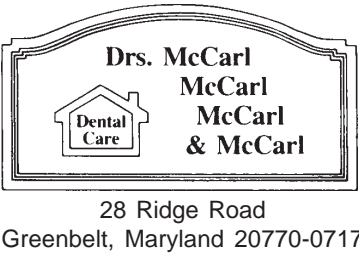
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All college bound students are invited to receive free help from this activity that is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Maryland

State Department of Education. The primary goal of the event is to make sure that the first step to financial aid is completed accurately so funds can be made available to those striving for a higher education.

Students 23 years or younger should attend with a parent or guardian. They should bring their parents' completed IRS 1040 tax form, W-2 form or other 2004 income and benefits information. If students are older

than 23 they may attend alone and bring their own completed IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 form or other 2004 income or benefits information.

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I drove out to the southeast end of the runway. There I found a dirt road heading off in the direction of the clearing. I continued down the dirt road until I came to a mud bog that was not passable in my old Chevy sedan. Since I was within 100 yards of the clearing, I walked the rest of the way. I found the clearing but no wreckage. There were a collapsed farm storage structure and some ancient and rusting farm equipment, but no sign of an aircraft.

I continued searching all the woods on the east side of the airfield for the rest of the day. I found no wreckage. I did find piles and piles of bent and rusting steel Marston mats. These are large interlocking panels of heavy guage steel used during World War II as temporary paving for runways and taxiways all over the world. I recognized the distinct pattern of holes in the interlocking panels from my days in the military when I had visited Midway Island.

The Marston mats at Beltsville had apparently been bulldozed up into piles in preparation for removal years ago. Large chunks of broken concrete and other debris were mixed in with the panels.

By the end of the day I was exhausted, but satisfied that no wreckage existed anywhere on nearly two thirds of the property. I had searched everything clockwise from the ten o'clock position all the way to the five o'clock position in relation to the intersection point of the runways. That left only the southwest quadrant for a later search.

I returned to search the southwest quadrant on April 19. I took my time and was very methodical. Large portions of this section had wide-open farm fields requiring only a quick scan with the binoculars for a thorough search. However, there

were also large tracts of woods and rolling hills in the area. I had to hike in to check closely all the little hidden valleys and ravines.

Just the week before I had received information from the Navy Historical Center at the Washington Navy Yard. Bill Needham had told me that they had copies of records and newspaper clippings that could be helpful and I called them. They provided a fax copy of a "Washington Post" newspaper clipping that stated the location of the site of the crash. The position given was about 300 yards from the alternate runway in a freshly plowed field next to a road. It said the plane had come down just after it cleared a rise in the land. Looking around I could see that this sector must have been near the site of the crash. No other place on the property had as much rolling land or as many open plowed fields as this. I knew I was getting close.

I continued searching the entire quadrant. I found a rusting old blue water tower in a grove of trees at the crest of a hill. Water was pouring freely from a broken pipe near the top of the tower. I discovered a site where some type of research equipment was installed and taking up about an acre of land near the runway. I later learned that this place was an experiment for monitoring water table contamination. Adjacent to this site were the remains of a collapsed farmhouse filled with all manner of junk and debris. Behind the farmhouse was a mysterious giant 12-foot tall metal sphere. The fittings and fasteners on the sphere made it appear to be some type of high-pressure gas tank. I later learned that this sphere actually was an ocean channel marker buoy abandoned on the property and forgotten years ago by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. All these

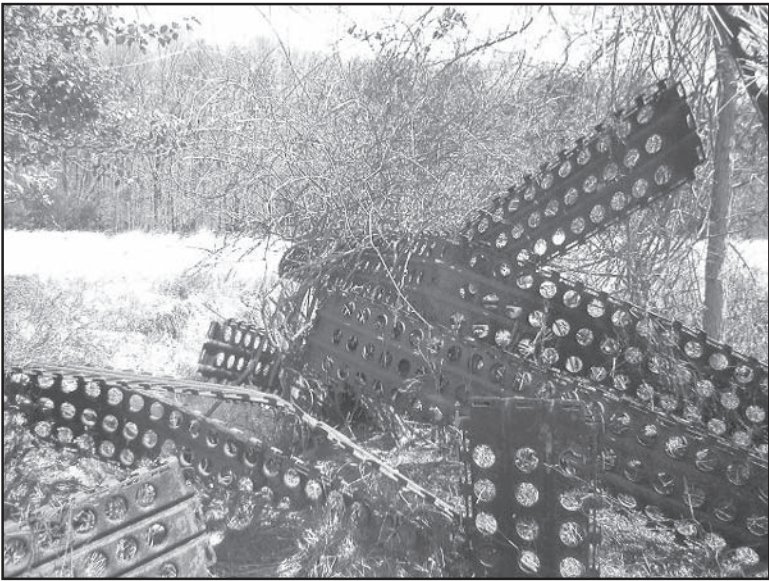
things were noteworthy and interesting but there was still no sign of any aircraft wreckage.

The only patches of land near the airfield remaining to be searched were a small area near the visitor center to the east of the airfield and the plot surrounding the NASA astronomical laboratory to the west of the airfield. Since it was late in the day and I had not secured permits to search either of these sectors, I quit and returned home.

My search was fast coming to a close without success. I was somewhat disheartened because the two prime suspect sites had turned up empty. My next step was to secure search permits from the wildlife center and NASA so that I could finish the job. I sent follow up messages to the people I had contacted weeks before and waited for a reply. In the meantime I paid a personal visit to the Navy Historical Center in Washington.

The records on file at the Navy Historical Center were the same ones that they had faxed over weeks before when I had first contacted them. However, the original records were much cleaner and clearer than my fax copies and therefore much more helpful. The newspaper clipping photographs proved to be the most valuable. Using these photographs I was able to estimate the site of the crash with a great deal of accuracy. The staff members at the Navy Historical Center were most helpful and advised me to pay a visit to the Navy Aviation Records Branch just down the street. They said it might be possible to find records of the accident investigation or the official accident report for this incident.

I left the Navy Historical Center and made my way to the Navy Aviation Records Branch. Since I had earlier received information containing the serial num-



Above, plowed up World War II Marston Mats in the area of the former taxiways.



At right, a water tower still stands tall near the crash site.

ber of the aircraft and date of the crash, the accident investigation records were easily found and copied within minutes.

The most important piece of information in the accident investigation report was a precise location for the crash. The report placed the crash site at a point about three hundred yards from the end of the northwest/southeast runway and at ninety degrees to the right. This position was in agreement with my earlier estimates based on the newspaper clipping photos and my own observations while visiting the area. I estimated the

crash location to be about 75 to 100 yards northwest of the intersection of present day Beaver Dam Road and Springfield Road. This site is a cleared farm field that I had already searched and I knew there was virtually no chance of finding any major wreckage remaining nearby.

I planned to pay another visit to this site as soon as I could to look for any signs of the disaster. Perhaps I could find some artifacts like nuts and bolts or other tiny bits that would help confirm my suspicions.

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